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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMER'S WELFARE
KRISHI BHAWAN, AGARTALA, TRIPURA

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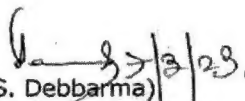
Dated, Agartala, the 9th March, 2023.

NOTIFICATION

Approval is hereby accorded by the Council of Minister vide memorandum No.F.1 (3) - GA (CAB)/2023, dated- 13.01.2023, for establishment of an independent and dedicated State Lead Agency (SLA) in the name of "**TRIPURA STATE ORGANIC FARMING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TSOFDA)**", for implementation of "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER)" scheme under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Tripura, with the following members in its Executive Committee.

Sl. No.	Structure	Position
1.	Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura	Chairman
2.	Additional Secretary, Finance Department, Tripura	Member
3.	Director of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, Tripura	Member
4.	Director of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Tripura	Member
5.	Director of Fishery Department, Govt. of Tripura	Member
6.	Chief Conservator of Forest, Head Quarter, Tripura	Member
7.	Director of Industries & Commerce, Tripura	Member
8.	Principal Officer, Agriculture, TTAADC	Member
9.	Mission Director (Joint Director of Agriculture level officer)	Member Secretary

The function of TRIPURA STATE ORGANIC FARMING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TSOFDA) and its structure are indicated at **Annexure-I**.


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 Under Secretary to the
 Govt. of Tripura

Annexure-I

**FUNCTIONS & STRUCTURE
OF
TRIPURA STATE ORGANIC FARMING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TSOFDA)**

- 1.** The chief functions and responsibilities of the "TRIPURA STATE ORGANIC FARMING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TSOFDA)" shall be as follows:-
 - i. To prepare Perspective and annual State Level Action Plan of Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern region in consonance with goals and objectives of the scheme with close co-ordination with Technical Support Group and INM division and oversee its implementation.
 - ii. To receive funds from of INM division and other sources for carrying on MOVCDNER activities, maintain proper accounts thereof and submit utilization certificate to concerned agencies.
 - iii. To release funds to implementing organizations and oversee, monitor & review implementation of the programmes.
 - iv. Planning the implementation process and identification of commodities, clusters, area etc.
 - v. Hiring of resource agencies for FPC making and for facilitating training, hand holding, ICS management, documentation and certification of crop production.
 - vi. Facilitating seeds/ planting material and input availability.
 - vii. Supervision and monitoring of field activities for ensuring timely completion in time bound manner.
 - viii. Facilitating financial institutions for credit facilitation and subsidy disbursal.
 - ix. Roping in professional agencies for activities like branding, labelling, packaging, publicity and certification of processing units.
 - x. Organize seminars/ conferences, workshops, Buyer-seller meets, Auction meetings, festivals.

- xi. Facillitate consumer awareness and information dissemination through publicity, printed literature, films and local advertisements.
- xii. Facillitate marketing of organic produce through direct retail, farmer markets, on-line retail chain, tying up with domestic retail chains and exporters.
- xiii. Assist and oversee implementation of schematic activities in the states through farmers, societies, grower associations, self-help groups, state institutions and other similar entities.
- xiv. Create awareness among the common people regarding the prospects of organic cultivation and Modern techniques and encourage them to take up organic cultivation as a commercial venture.
- xv. Provide technical support service and provide incentives for encouraging farmers to take up organic farming.
- xvi. Develop linkages between the organic growers and consumers and to support the development of entire value chain starting from input, seed and certification.
- xvii. Creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing and brand building initiative.
- xviii. Organize technology transfer through training and extension involving non-government organization and farmers association.
- xix. To organize seminars, lectures, conference, exhibitions, study tours for the proper and better diffusion of useful knowledge in the field of modern agriculture, organic farming, bee keeping etc. and technical know-how so as to enable the farmers to cope with the modern agriculture, participate and organize farmers' tour/field visit/expo/mela etc. in and outside the State and the country.
- xx. To carry out any other activities in the furtherance of the above objectives.

2. TRIPURA STATE ORGANIC FARMING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TSOFDA) will work under the umbrella of Department of Agriculture and Farmers welfare, Tripura, with a dedicated Staff pattern. Officials and Staffs from the Department of Agriculture will be posted to TSOFDA. Structure of staff and manpower of TSOFDA is as under-

